

WHY SALT LAKE IS SO SALT.—Greely writes from the centre of Mormondom, as to the cause of the saltiness of Salt Lake, thus:

"That this lake should be salt is no anomaly. All large bodies of water into which streams discharge themselves, while they have several good outlets, or should be salt. If one such is fresh, that is an anomaly indeed. Lake Utah probably receives as much saline matter as Salt Lake; but she discharges it through the Jordan and remains herself fresh; while Salt Lake, having no issue save by evaporation, is probably the saltiest body of water on the earth. The ocean is comparatively fresh; even the Mediterranean at Leghorn is not half so salt. I am told three barrels of this water yield a barrel of salt; that seems rather strong, yet its intense saltiness, no one who has not had it in his eyes, his mouth, his nostrils, can realize. You can no more sink in it than in a clay-bank, but a very little of it in your lungs would suffice to strangle you. You make your way in from a hot, rocky beach over a chaos of volcanic basalt that is trying to the feet; but at a depth of a yard or more you have a fine sand bottom, and here the bathing is delightful. The water is of a light green color for ten or twenty rods; then deeply, darkly, beautifully blue. No fish can live in it; no frog abides it; few birds are ever seen dipping into it."

THE CHOLERA IN GERMANY.—A letter from the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg states that the cholera has broken out with great violence in some towns and villages of the Duchy, and that many of the persons attacked have died after only four or five hours' suffering. In some of the villages, the harvest operations have been suspended for want of hands, sixty or seventy persons having been taken ill at the same time. The disease broke out first in one place and then in another, sparing for a time intermediate villages, and then turning back on them with increased violence. The ports of Rostock and Warnemunde have not escaped the malady, which was taken there, it is supposed, by a vessel from St. Petersburg. The cholera continues to rage at Hamburg, carrying off from sixty to seventy persons daily.

ACCIDENT AT NEW BALTIMORE.—We learn from a gentleman from New Baltimore this week that a man named William Desha, a Frenchman, met with a fatal accident at that place on Monday, the 5th inst., by means of a tree falling upon him. He had been chopping upon a tree until it began to fall, when he ran, but mistaking the direction which it was falling he ran under it, and it killed him almost instantly. The accident took place on the farm of C. P. Hooker Esq., about a quarter of a mile from Highway's steam mill.—Romeo Argus.

At the Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard the other day, the Commandant issued orders that all the cattle employed in the yard should be fed on cut feed, which were accordingly carried into effect. But one old ox who had been educated on long hay could not accommodate himself to the new diet, and it was reported to the proper authority that the animal wouldn't eat cut feed. "Not eat it!" exclaimed the head tender, filled with holy horror. "By thunder! he must eat it. It's the commodore's orders!"

The Springfield Republican, in its account of the "Second Adventists" camp meeting, says "the pretty girls in camp were not numerous; the belle occupied a prominent position in front of one of the Springfield tents, having done up her religion with her lace in the morning; and was the observed of all observers, in gold bracelets, silk gown, and just the most bewitchingly worn white skirt that would show itself."

THE GREAT CITIES.—The population of Rome, at the highest period of its period of its power, has been estimated at 9,800,000. The present population of London, is about 2,800,000. The entire population of Paris, including that of all its metropolitan suburbs, is about 1,300,000. That of New York, estimated in the same way is 1,100,000.

TRAVELERS DIVIDED FOR THE.—The Supreme Court of New York has decided that a divorce obtained in the State of Indiana, when the party goes there for the purpose of procuring such a divorce, and then returns to that State, is wholly impugnable, and void. An action was brought by a wife against her Indiana husband, on the ground of adultery; and all the issues of the case were decided in favor of the plaintiff.

A popular writer says it is not the drinking, but the getting sober, that is so terrible in a drunkard's life. To this Preface adds, some persons, influenced probably by this important consideration, seem to have deliberately resolved never to get sober.

The latest style of hoop-skirt is the grand self-adjusting double back-extension bustle. Etruscan lace expansion, spiral Picoelomian attachment, gossamer indestructible. It is a "love of a thing."

Mr. Cowin says that he is the father of the Republican party. The Louisville Journal hopes that the old gentleman's next child will be an improvement, but thinks it must be confessed that he occasionally spans his rather ugly brat with right good will.

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